

AN ACT

relating to the notice requirements following impoundment of an  
estrays.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 142.009(d), Agriculture Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

(d) If the owner of the estray is unknown, the sheriff or the  
sheriff's designee shall make a diligent search for the identity of  
the owner of the estray, including a search in the county register  
of recorded brands, if the animal has an identifiable brand. If the  
search does not reveal the owner, the sheriff shall post a notice of  
the impoundment of the estray on the public notice board of the  
courthouse and advertise the impoundment of the estray:

(1) in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
county at least twice during the 15 days after the date of  
impoundment; or

(2) on the county's Internet website for at least 15  
days after the date of impoundment ~~[and shall post a notice of the  
impoundment on the public notice board of the courthouse].~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

H.B. No. 2042

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the House on April 22, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the Senate on May 7, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor